

MEDICAL DIRECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
April 10, 2003

Members Present

Arthur Ernst, M.D.
John Rawls, M.D.
Stewart Martin, M.D.
Kimberly Mitchell, M.D.
Tamera Barnes, M.D.
Raul Rodriguez, M.D.

Others Present

Scott Winston
Gary Brown
Scott Weir, M.D.
William Havda II, M.D.
David Cullen
Tom Nevetral

Others Present

Melinda Duncan
Heather Phillips
Jeffrey Reynolds

Item 1): Dr. Stewart Martin (Chair) called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM in the conference room at the Office of EMS.

Item 2): Those present were asked to introduce themselves.

Item 3): Motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2003 meeting as corrected ...Passed. Correction to minutes: ~~Paul~~ Raul Rodriguez, M.D.

Item 4): Dr. Martin asked if there were any further comments on the Medication and Skills Schedules from the previous meeting? Dr. Scott Weir advised that he supports the Medication and Skills Schedule as a training document but still requested clarification. Were they an operational minimum where a paramedic would be expected to administer a medication on the list that may not even be carried in the drug box? The consensus of the group was that the Medication and Skills Schedules were an "operational maximum and an educational minimum".

The Medication and Skills Schedule should have a footnote advising that other medications and skills may fall under the "Medication and Skills Schedule for Specialty Teams". Dr. Martin requested that the *EMS Training Program Administrative Manual T-200* Emergency Medical Services Procedure and Medication Schedule be reviewed to determine the need for possible changes. (Copy to be included in the minutes).

Item 5): a. USAR- Dr. Martin – The use of Cardiac Technicians on the USAR Teams may require some adjustments. The attempt was to keep the needs as generic as possible. Review of the list for the USAR Team at the next meeting.

- b. Wilderness SAR – Dr. Gilbert – No report
- c. SWAT Team – Dr. Bruzzo – No report
- d. Pediatric Transport – Dr. Gilbert – No report
- e. Flight Teams – Dr. Gilbert – No report
- f. Dive Rescue – Dr. Wallace Horn is being asked what expertise would be necessary. It was mentioned that the dive is not the issue but rather supporting the dive team is what is difficult.
- g. Cave Rescue – Dr. Cummings - No report
- h. Farm Rescue – Dr. Cummings- No report

A question was raised about the needs for the Transport Teams and it was the consensus that it would be left up to the Transport Team Physician to manage their needs.

Dr. Kim Mitchell raised a question concerning the Administration of Over the Counter (OTC) Medications at Mass Incidents and how it should be handled. The EMS at Special Events Committee has adopted the FEMA Module as part of Emergency Operations, utilizing "Self Directed Care". OTC is made available and the patient selects what they need.

Mr. Everette Vaughan, Health and Medical Disaster Coordinator recommended that each jurisdiction event have established protocols to administer OTC medications. Kings Dominion utilizes a sign out sheet for the OTC for self directed medications (ASA, Pepto-Bismol, etc.). it was also mentioned that if the event was large enough to merit that the event organizers hire a physician to be on staff for the mass event. It was further mentioned that the FEMA model be used as a guidance document. It was questioned if the Medical Direction Committee should develop a position statement:

- a. for the administration of medications and not transporting
- b. on-scene medical direction

Item 6): The RN to P Pilot Program – The Northern Virginia Community College program began with four students in the program and is on-going. The College of Health Sciences – Roanoke should begin their program in May with a lot of interest being generated.

Item 7): MDC Sponsored Symposium Program 2003 –

Item 8): Medical Direction Program - It was mentioned that CME should be obtained for participating physicians.

Item 9): Heather Phillips, Office of EMS Program Representative raised a concern in reference to the Operational Medical Director requirement, page 41 *Virginia Emergency Medical Services Regulations* 12 VAC 5-31-590. Heather advised that some of the OMDs were reluctant to sign the agreement to serve as an OMD with the agency because there was a question as to them being adequately covered. VFIS apparently told Dr. Bethany Cummins of Winchester Medical Center that riders would have to be purchased for Medical Malpractice Coverage as an Operational Medical Director. Heather requested guidance from the MDC on this issue.

MDC advised Heather that the intent of the regulation was that each OMD have sufficient malpractice to cover them as a medical director but does not state specifically that separate insurance must be purchased unless a physician's insurance does not cover them as a medical director. Heather will meet with the Lord Fairfax Medical Direction Board on Monday, June 2nd, to explain the direction received from the State MDC.

Scott Winston advised the committee that the intent of the regulation was to afford some protection to the physician for his/her participation as an OMD.

Item 10): Scott Winston reported on the committee's request to be able to retrieve information on-line for their provider's technician records. He advised that at the present time the efforts

of Management Information Services efforts were placed on programming requirements that were mandated by the new regulations that went into effect on January 15, 2003. Scott requested a list of the areas that the committee was interested in viewing which follows:

Continuing Education

- 2) Disciplinary Issues
- 3) Certification and Expiration
- 4) Variance Requests
- 5) Course Enrollments
- 6) Test Exemption History?

It was announced that Dr. Sabina Braithwaite is the representative for the Human Resources and Training Committee.

(Item 11): The Consolidated Test Site manual is being updated.

(Item 12): A request was made to allow Cardiac Technicians to precept the EMT Enhanced students during their field leader requirements. **Motion to allow Cardiac Technicians to precept EMT Enhanced students (Cardiac Technicians will not be allowed to precept Intermediate or Paramedic students) was made by Dr. Arthur Ernst and it was seconded by Dr. Tamera Barnes. Motion...Passed**

It was announced that there would be a one-day OMD workshop on June 21, 2003 sponsored jointly by the Central Shenandoah and Thomas Jefferson EMS Councils.

Gary Brown gave an update on grant monies and advised that there would be an Advisory Board Retreat on April 22, 2003. He also advised that regulations 610, 620, 730 and 940 had been withdrawn for further considerations.

MDC Meeting dates for 2004 are to be considered at the next meeting

The following dates were announced for the remaining of 2003 for the MDC Meetings:

- July 10
- October 16

The next scheduled meeting of the committee will be July 10, 2003, 10:30 AM in the Office of EMS conference room.

Then meeting was adjourned.